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The St. Paul Prophet December 22 & 23, 2007 Fourth Sunday in Advent

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Our Mission: Helping people know the love of Christ and live for Him.

Because the promotion of God's glory is our object in all that we do, we use His blessings and gifts to glorify Him.
"So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God" (1 Cor. 10:31).

IN OUR PRAYERS

HOSPITALIZED: Jewel Bacon (Sharon Schwartzkopf's mother); Les Duncan; Bill Gibbs (fr. Edna Hinkle); Jean Link (cousin Bonnie Ratcliff, Les Hays); Barry Phegley; Shirley Loewe; Ray Shifley; Ronald Simms;

TESTS: Julie Berghaus; Suzie Wesche (niece Bobbi Karraker)

RECOVERING: Celeste Doerr (sister Phyllis Kluver); Pastor King; Mia Sherrill (Daughter of Andy and Bethany Sherrill); Marie Thomason; Ingrid Underwood,

TREATMENTS: Madison Akers (9 yr. old grandniece of Norma Clauser); Cecelia Amsden (daughter of David and Angie Miller, Granddaughter of Gene and Chirley Miller); Paul Bertram; Daniel Caughron (Sandy Brooks' son); Cody Crawford (teenage friend of Sheila Ratcliff); Judy Eickhoff (fr. Janet Laut); Hank Gregory (fr. Norma Clauser); Jim Henson (fr. Rhonda Shields); Jackie Johnson, (fr. Mike McClanahan); Jack Kelly (Ken Kelly's father); Betty LeBaube (Sharon Schwartzkopf's aunt); Janie Link; Rev. Ralph Ogden (father of Ralph Ogden); Kathy Ratcliff (mother of Julie Ketcherside); Mary Lou Sloan (fr. Susan Baird); Rosemary Vaughn (Grandmother of Daniel Snider).

CONTINUED STRENGTH: Jeanette Anderson (mother of Jim Anderson); Fayette Bigger (fr. Nancy Rouggy); Everett and Pauline Brown (parents of Jerry Held); Carolyn Byers (fr. Klusers); Alisha Carrow; Georgia Clements (Darlene McWilliams' sister); Carla Davis Crocker (fr. Krekelers); Derrick Detring; Ray Detring; Barbara Detring Foster (Jean & Ray Detring, and Pat Brockmiller's sister); Angel Rose Gallagher (child of Mike and Brandi Gallagher); Vicki Gallagher; Connie Giesselmann; Ruth Graham (Jean Detring's Cousin); Cliff & Alice Hays (father and stepmother of Les Hays & Bonnie Ratcliff); Frances Heidemann (fr. Lynn Vollner); Jerry Held; Collins Henson (Michelle King's grandfather); Edna Hinkle; Sandy Hoehn; Eric Hollinger (nephew Norma Clauser); Anna Hunting; Martha Jarrell; Helen Jones; Paulette Ikemeyer (fr. Ron Brooks); David Kinney (fr. Heather Knox & Janie Link); Angelina Lucas (fr. Lori Nelson); Beulah Mabeuce; Judy McClanahan (sister-in-law Vernon and Mickie McClanahan); Bill and Patty McMillan (cousins of Velma Kocher and Brenda Windsor); Kenny Mell; Renate Muller (fr. Kelly's); Woodrow Oberman; Dennis Oetting (brother of Sharon Sherrill); Dee Owens (Jeff Owens' grandmother); Bob and Bernice Pearson; Robert Putman (Fr. Don and Lori Nelson); Liam Rind (fr. Kim Weakley); Carol Schremp (fr. Karen Detring); Rob Shipman (Elizabeth Jordan's cousin); Joyce Simms; Marie Tinnin (fr. Pat O'Brien); Craig Thomas; Sharon Weber (sister of Michelle Bird); Kathy Wright.

HOSPICE: Vern Norton (Spanky Kollmeyer's brother-in-law).

SYMPATHY: to Marcille Jack and family at the death of her brother, Bill Harre; to Charlotte Hopkins and family at the

death of her mother, Era Hunt; to Connie Gazaway and family at the death of her son (fr. McClanahans), to the family and friends of Guy Barton (fr. Darren and Michelle Gray);

POWER IN PRAYER: Shawn and Cindy Roberts, Lucas and Caitlin; Kathy Rohrback, Shannon, Haley, and Madison; Pam Romero, Christian, Lydia, and Rozana.

SERVING IN MILITARY: Shelly Ammerman (Edna Hinkle's granddaughter); Capt. James Anderson (nephew of Ken Kluver); Michael Bailey (fr. Susan Faenger); Jeremy Baumgarth (Edna Hinkle's grandson); Pat Byington; Rick Chappell; Kyle Clifton (fiancé Katie Mell); Jason Day (fr. Pastor King); Scott Detring; Josh Duncan (cousin of Debbie Bone); Josh Eckrich; Shannon Finley (fr. Jordans); LTJg Rob LaRue; Philip Mistretta (husband of Mallory Buckley Mistretta); Larry Myer (grandson of Dr. & Bobbi Karraker); Jonathon Paige (nephew of Debbie Easley); "S" Sgt. Mitchell Reves (nephew of Marcie Jack); Patrick Stackpole (fr. of Warenbergs); Jason

Weiss; Josh White (Grandson-in-law of Blumenbergs); and strength for their families.

POINSETTIAS: Don and Nancy Compton in memory of Darwin Compton (Don's father) and William McFarland (Nancy's father) and in honor of granddaughters Lilly, Ella and Anna; Charles and Lorene Crismon in memory of son, Mark Crismon, and daughter, Linda Herbst; Greg and Crystal Dement for blessings received; Eric and Beth Freeburg in memory of Beth's father, Robert Rickus, and in honor of Eric's father, Ragnar Freeburg; Joe and Susan Faenger in memory of parents and grandparents and in honor of their families; Iva Fechter in memory of husband Ralph Fechter; Anna Garner in memory of parents, Ludwig and Audra Brockmiller; Jason, Heather and John Garner in memory of Ludwig & Audra Brockmiller, Maddie & Carroll Truitt, Ruthann Rockett and in honor of the service men and women who fight for our freedom; Nadine Giessing in memory of Raymond Giessing; Bill Hall family in memory of Bill's sister, Bonnie Schmidt; Les Hays and Bonnie and Sheila Ratcliff in memory of their mother/grandmother Dorothy Sutton; Rev James and Michelle King in honor of their children, Rebekah, Amelia and baby Hailee; Mary Hull, children and grandchildren in memory of husband/ father Henry Hull and in memory of Mary's parents, Wilma and Harry Effen; Al & Bobbi Karraker for blessings received; Bill and Nancy Krekeler in memory of their parents; Darlene McWilliams in memory of Bob McWilliams, Robert and Reba Mell family in memory of parents, Marvin and Clara Allen and Marvin and Fern Mell and sister Beverly McGuire; Paul and Ann Mell in memory of parents Don and Dorothy Mell and Woodie and Norma Wilson; Walter Neiter family for blessings received; Pastor Dave and Lesley Oddi for blessings received; Ralph and Beth Ogden in honor of their children; Stephen and Lois Pallo in memory of George Pallo and Laverne Ruehling; Julie and Corey powers in memory of the eight years of Emma's life; Tooky Rickus in memory of Bob Rickus; Donna Rickus in

memory of Kenny Rickus; Mr. & Mrs. Glenn Rickus and family in memory of Maggie Crawford and in honor of Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Herbst; Pam and Doug Ross in memory of Emma Powers and their parents, Jane and Bob Berkley, and Jewel Ethel Ross; Jim, Carla, Jarred, Becca, James and Michelle Shaner in memory of father/grandfather, Virgil Shaner, and for blessings received; Grayson Street in memory of Emma Powers; Jennifer and Jason

Street in honor of 'our precious little boy, Grayson'; Matt and Carri Thebeau in memory of Betty Jean Westmeyer and for blessings received; Fay Lee Townsend in memory of parents Archie Rickus and Eva Rickus Thomas and in honor of son, Rusty Townsend; Vic and Donna Vogelsang in memory of loved ones and in honor of children, Chelsea and Dylan and of parents. Becky and Gary Wofford in memory of Carl and Agnes Westmeyer; and an unnamed poinsettia was given in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Herbst.

MAIL BOXES have been reorganized and next year's envelopes placed in them. Please do not use next year's envelopes until January. Your mail is in the box UNDER your name. If your mail box is not there, please contact the church office at 756-7872.

THANK YOU Todd Smith, Brian Kocher, Steve Needy, Jason Garner, John Thomas, and Les Hays for cleaning the steps, sidewalks and church parking lot.

MANY THANKS to all who purchased the Psalm 23 bracelet (cost of plain is \$5.00 and one with a cross is \$10.00) with the eleven colored beads representing meaningful thoughts of the Psalm and also THANKS to those people who made a donation to this fund-raising project, helping a member of St. Paul who has serious and expensive health problems. This will be an on-going activity. Please contact Elfrieda Frueh (747-1143) or Darlene McWilliams (756-3458) for answers to questions.

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN SCHOOL CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS
St. Paul Lutheran School is selling Christmas ornaments with a picture of our school on them. They are \$10.00 each, a wonderful addition to your own tree or for a gift. Contact the school 756-5147 or church office 756-7872.

CANS FOR CRAIG: St. Paul Lutheran Church has collected aluminum drink cans for a very long time. Currently we are donating the money from these cans to the Craig Thomas fund. Donations may also be made through offerings by using a special envelope or putting Craig Thomas Fund in the check memo. We also have a supply of ALS bracelets in the office for \$1.00 with the funds going to the Craig Thomas Fund.

YOUR ELDER:

Kurt Kellams, Chmn	AA-BIR	366-0826
Ken Smith	BIS-CAR	756-0829
Thad Kieninger	BIS-CAR	747-1774
Bill Giessing, Sec'ry.	CAS-DER	756-5283
	DET-FU	
Ken Kelly,	GA-HAR	760-0528
Ron Jarrell	HAY-JAR	756-6260
	JEN-KOL	
Richard Detring	KR- MEI	756-7989
Steve Needy	MEL-NO	756-2880
Mark Jones	O'B-PY	756-2710
Steve Thomas	RA-SCH	756-1444
Eric Bertram	SE-THOM	756-9575
Bill Bertram	THUR-WEB	747-0663
Kraig Sutherland	WES-Z	756-3453

IN THE LORD'S SERVICE

Altar Guild for December:

Sat. 6:00 pm – Donna Vogelsang
Sun. 8:00 am – Anna Garner
10:30 am – Char Egan

Acolytes:

Sat. 12/22 - 6:00 pm – Savanah Beard, Bailey Bertram
Sun 12/23 – 8:00 am – Erin Casey
10:30 am – Madeline Gibler, Taylor Brockmiller
Sat. 12/29 – 6:00 pm – Marissa Cook, Kayla VanNess
Sun 12/30 - 8:00 am – Trenton Crocker, Mitch Harrington
10:30 am – Stevi Short, Tia Jordan

Ushers:

Sat. 12/22 – 6:00 pm – Pete and Mildred Wiley
Sun 12/23 – 8:00 am – Needy and Dement Families
10:30 am – Bill Giessing, Kevin Harrington
Sat. 12/29 – 6:00 pm - Vic and Donna Vogelsang
Sun 12/30 – 8:00 am - Lori Ikemeier, Danielle Leonard
Warenberg Family
10:30 am – Mike Sherrill and Ceth Jordan Families

FRUITS OF OUR FAITH

Sat. 12/08	6:00 pm	58
Sun 12/09	8:00 am	47
	10:30 am	<u>68</u>
Total		173

FINANCIAL:

Year-to-date Tithes and Faith Promises

Operating Fund:

Received last week	\$5,825 Tithes
	17 Sunday school
	30 Building Rental
	20 Specials
	<u>111 Clearance</u>
Total Deposit	\$6,003
Weekly Goal	11,792
Year to Date Average	9,606

Tithe Contributions	\$241,661
Tithes Needed	<u>\$294,800</u>
07-08 Behind Budget	(53,139)
Prior years Deficit	(30,834)
TOTAL DEFICIT	(83,873)

Building Fund:

Tithe Contributions	\$27,660
Tithes Needed	<u>\$56,792</u>
Behind Budget	(29,132)

Loan Balance \$428,425



WEEKLY BIBLE CLASS OPPORTUNITIES

Day	Topic	Location	Teacher
Sunday	9:15 a.m.		
	Book of Acts	School Gym	Pastor Oddi
	1 Corinthians	Lower Level	Mr. Giesselmann
	Sunday School	School	PS-8 th Grade
	High School	Youth House	Mr. Kellams
	Youth Confirmation	Upper Level	Pastor King
Monday	1:15 p.m.		
	Life with Spice	Lower Level	Elfrieda Frueh
Thurs.	7:00 a.m.		
	Men's Bible Study	Roseners	Pastor King

ST. PAUL CALENDAR

THIS WEEK:

12/23	8:00 am	Worship Service
	9:15 am	Sunday School-Bible Class-Youth Confirmation
	10:30 am	Worship Service – Sunday School Program
12/24	7:00 pm	Christmas Eve Service
	8:00 pm	Open House
	10:00 pm	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service/Communion
12/25	10:00 am	Christmas Day Service/ Communion
12/26	1:00 PM	LL in use
12/27	7:00 am	Men's Bible Class – Roseners
	9:00 am	Pilgrim Assembly
	2:00 pm	Circle of Friends – Presbyterian Manor
12/29	6:00 pm	Worship Service

NEXT WEEK:

12/30	8:00 am	Worship Service
		No Sunday or Bible Class
	10:30 am	Worship Service
12/31	7:00 pm	New Year's Eve Worship
	01/01	Church Office Closed
01/02	8:00 am	Ladies Aid
01/03	7:00 am	Men's Bible Class – Roseners
01/04	3:30 pm	Presbyterian Manor Communion
01/04	4:00 pm	Fish Fry – Trinity Fredericktown
01/05	6:00 pm	Worship/Communion

Christmas Schedule

Christmas Eve Service Dec. 24th 7:00 pm
 Open House 8:00 pm
 Christmas Candlelight Service (Communion) 10:00 pm
 Christmas Day Service (Comm.) Dec. 25th 10:00am



New Years Eve Worship
 Monday, December 31
 7:00 PM

Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year. May God's blessing go with you each day.
*Pastor and Michelle King,
 Rebekah and Amelia
 Pastor Dave and Lesley*